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Attorney Docket No. 4002-3445/PC295.12

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Title ANTERIOR CERVICAL PLATING SYSTEM

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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2. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. Specification [Total Pages 35]
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 - Descriptive title of the Invention
 - Cross References to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
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 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 7]
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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
 - a. Computer Readable Form (CRF)
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 - ii. paper
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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) Power of Attorney
11. English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations
13. Preliminary Amendment
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Prior application information: Examiner: David Owen Reip

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1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001	770	2001	385	Utility Filing Fee	770
1002	340	2002	170	Design Filing Fee	
1003	530	2003	265	Plant Filing Fee	
1004	770	2004	385	Reissue Filing Fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional Filing Fee	
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

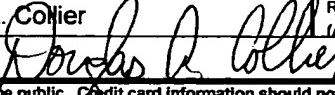
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6	-3** =	3	X 86	= 258
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Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code
1202	18	2202 9
		Claims in excess of 20
1201	86	2201 43
1203	290	2203 145
		Independent claims in excess of 3
		Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	86	2204 43
		**Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205 9
		**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
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1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge – late filing fee or oath					
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge – late provisional filing fee or cover sheet					
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification					
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination					
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner's Action					
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner's Action					
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month					
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month					
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month					
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month					
1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month					
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal					
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal					
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing					
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding					
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive – unavoidable					
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive – unintentional					
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)					
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee					
1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee					
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner					
1807	50	1807	50	Petitions related to provisional applications					
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt					
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)					
1809	750	2809	375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))					
1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))					
1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)					
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application					
Other Fee (specify)									
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